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25 **Expedited Procedure--Examining Group Art Unit 3727**

In response to the Final Action mailed June 28, 2006 and in order to place this  
case in condition for immediate allowance or in better form for appeal, applicant hereby  
requests the entry of the following amendment to the application:

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